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1. Upon the completion of a tour of the Communist Party cells in Riobamba and Guaranda, Ecuador, during the period 1 - 10 January 1949, Francisco Albornoz reported that the cells were in a very poor state of organization and that their activities amounted to practically nothing. Albornoz made this tour at the instruction of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Ecuador, which controls the activities of the Sierra Region.
2. After studying Albornoz's reports and similar reports from other provinces in the Sierras, the Executive Committee concluded that a thorough re-organization was necessary in order to revitalize the Party's activities in that section. They decided to defer action, however, until Pedro Saad, Acting Secretary General of the Party, took up permanent residence in Quito. [REDACTED] Comment. It is thought that the Executive Committee wished to get Saad's recommendation before action was taken because of the large following he has in that area.

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